

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

October 12, 1992

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi reconvened in Special Session in Jackson, Mississippi at 9:00 a.m., October 12, 1992, from its meeting recessed on October 8, 1992; and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on September 28, 1992, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to the October 8, 1992 meeting. At the above named place there were present the following members to wit: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Crosthwait and opened with prayer by Mr. Rushing.

Executive Session

On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Ms. Baker, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted unanimously to go into Executive Session on the pending litigation in the Ayers case to discuss strategy and plans with Attorney General Mike Moore; private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

In Executive Session, strategy and plans on pending litigation for the Ayers case were discussed with Attorney General Mike Moore; private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson. The Board heard presentations from the eight institutional executive officers with regard to the Ayers case according to the following schedule:

10:15 - 11:00Dr. Donald Zacharias, Mississippi State University
11:00 - 11:25Dr. William Sutton, Mississippi Valley State University
11:25 - 12:30Dr. Gerald Turner, University of Mississippi
12:45 - 1:30 Dr. James E. Lyons, Sr., Jackson State University
1:30 - 2:25Dr. Walter Washington, Alcorn State University
2:25 - 3:20Dr. Kent Wyatt, Delta State University
3:20 - 4:25Dr. Clyda Rent, Mississippi University for Women
4:30 - 5:25Dr. Aubrey Lucas, University of Southern Mississippi

No action was taken by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Rushing, the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

The following reporters protested the holding of an Executive Session (with letter of verification in Board's working file):

Mr. Andy Kanengiser, The Clarion Ledger
Mr. Mark Leggett, The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal
Mr. Paul Barton, The Memphis Commercial Appeal
Mr. John Mott Coffey, The Commercial Dispatch
Ms. Rosanne Havens, WAPT-TV
Mr. Rex Baker, WJTV-TV
Mr. Terry Cassreino, The Sun Herald
Mr. Randy Bell, WJDX/WMSI
Mr. Steve Wise, WLOX-TV

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In addition to the twelve members of the Board, persons attending the Special Meeting of the Board were:

Board Administrative Office Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner and Executive Secretary; Dr. Lucy Martin, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Planning; Dr. Charles Pickett, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs; and Mr. Steve Kirchmayr, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

Office of the Attorney General: The Honorable Mike Moore, Attorney General; Mr. Alan Purdie, Deputy Attorney General; Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General; Mr. Bob Jenkins, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Ms. Maudine Eckford, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Private Counsel, Ayers case: Mr. Paul Stephenson and Mr. Bill Goodman.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

**Associate Commissioner/Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees of
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